



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

- WHEREAS: Emigration from the Caribbean region to the American Colonies began as early as 1619. Since that time, millions of people have come from the Caribbean to the United States; and
- WHEREAS: People of Caribbean descent reside in every part of the United States and have greatly influenced American culture, society, and government; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is one of the most culturally enriched and diverse states in the Southeastern United States and is the home of more than 250,000 people of Caribbean descent; and
- WHEREAS: Caribbean-Americans have significantly contributed to many areas, including education, fine arts, business, sports, science, and more, positively affecting the lives of many citizens across the state and nation; and
- WHEREAS: Caribbean-Americans played an active role in the civil rights movement, and they continue to make important contributions to social and political issues facing Georgia and our nation; and
- WHEREAS: For the 12th annual celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month, the Georgia Caribbean American Heritage Coalition will showcase the U.S. Virgin Islands for the 100th anniversary of Transfer Day, and will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Atlanta Jamaican Association; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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